

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract as follows:

Methods and articles used to degass liquids in a drop ejection device are disclosed. For example, a drop ejection device having a flow path in which fluid is pressurized for ejecting a drop from a nozzle opening, and a deaerator including a fluid reservoir region, a vacuum region, and a partition between the fluid reservoir region and the vacuum region, the partition including a wetting layer and a non-wetting layer and one or more channels extending through the wetting and non-wetting layers, wherein the wetting layer is exposed to the fluid reservoir region.